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U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree to Visit Madison Public Invited to See “The People’s Tree” and Tour Forest Products Lab

MADISON, Wis. – The U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree will be making a stop at the Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) on Monday, November 10, 2014 en route to Washington, D.C., and its final destination adorning the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol throughout the holiday season.

In conjunction with this event, FPL is hosting an open house which will provide visitors the opportunity to take a look inside our world-class research facility and talk with researchers about their work. The event is free to the public and will include interesting displays about FPL’s groundbreaking research, kids’ activities, refreshments, and giveaways. Free parking is available.

Smokey the Bear will also be on hand to greet visitors.

This is the 50th anniversary of the Capitol Christmas Tree making its way across the country after being felled on one of our National Forests. The event provides an opportunity for local communities to celebrate the healthy forests that connect us all and the spirit of the season. The theme for this year’s tree is “bringing a piece of the forest to the people.”

Minnesota’s Chippewa National Forest is providing this year’s tree, an 88-foot-tall white spruce, in partnership with Choose Outdoors and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Dubbed “The People’s Tree,” it will make more than 30 stops between northern Minnesota and its final destination.

Event Details:

What: U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Visit and FPL Open House

Where: Forest Products Laboratory

One Gifford Pinchot Dr. Madison, Wis.

When: Monday, November 10, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

For over 100 years, the Forest Products Laboratory’s work with academia, industry, and other government agencies has led to ground-breaking discoveries with great benefit to the public. Additional information on FPL’s research is available at www.fpl.fs.fed.us

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